GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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SLUM DWELLERS IN METRO CITIES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received anyplea from the Government of Tamil Nadu to provide better infrastructural facilities, particularly in the slum areas and more financial assistance to carry out development projects in the major cities i.e. Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai, Salem, Tiruchirapalli and Tirunelveli; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Planning Commission have received plea/demand for additional funds for the Development of Slums for providing infrastructure and basic amenities like construction of drains, sewerage, widening of pavements and provision of toilets etc. The year-wise demand received from the Government of Tamil Nadu is given below:-

Year	Proposal received for additional funds
1997-98	5.00 crores
1999-2000	5.00 crores
2000-2001	15.00 crores

The Planning Commission duly considered the requestbut keeping in view the prescribed guidelines of the National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) and financial constraints the same could not be acceded to.

Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd.(HUDCO) hassanctioned 24 schemes for infrastructure facilities such as water supply, sewerage, drainage, road bridges, area development, commercial social infrastructure etc. in Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai, Salem, Tiruchirapalli and Tirunelveli cities.

HUDCOhas also sanctioned one integrated Low Cost Sanitation Scheme for conversion of 6663 units in Salem city with subsidy assistance of Rs.68.99 lacs.

Besides the above, as reported by the Government of Tamil Nadu a grant of Rs.49 crores to undertake slum improvement works in three major cities of Chennai, Madurai & Coimbatore has been provided by the 11th Finance Commission to the State Government. This grant is in the form of special problem grant for fast growing cities who need special attention for relocation of slum dwellers. The work has already commenced and will be completed by 31.3.2005.